GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Services Commission

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Aquatic Management LLC d/b/a VI SeaTrans
Regarding Transportation Services of St. John, Inc.
Alleged Violation of Act No. 6918

) PSC DOCKET NO. 577
) ORDER NO. 34/2008

ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2007, the Virgin Islands Legislature enacted Act Number 6918 (hereinafter "the Act"), granting an exclusive franchise to Aquatic Management LLC d/b/a V.I. SeaTrans (hereinafter "V.I. SeaTrans") to provide ferry services between St. Croix and St. Thomas and St. Thomas and St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2008, the Public Services Commission (hereinafter, "PSC" or "Commission") received a written complaint from V.I. SeaTrans stating Transportation Services of St. John, Inc. (hereinafter "Transportation Services") intended to operate ferry service between St. Thomas and St. Croix on Sunday, February 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the PSC met in regular session on February 22, 2008 in Barbel Plaza in St. Thomas and unanimously voted to authorize that a docket be opened to formally investigate V.I. SeaTrans' complaint into the alleged violation of Act No. 6918;

WHEREAS, after deliberation and review, the Commission appointed The Honorable Commissioner M. Thomas Jackson as Hearing Examiner for the complaint investigation; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion to order a formal hearing based on the complaints of V.I. SeaTrans regarding the actions of Transportation Services to determine if a violation of Act No. 6918 has occurred is **GRANTED**; and finally

IT IS ORDERED, that The Honorable M. Thomas Jackson is APPOINTED as Hearing Examiner in PSC Docket 577.

Dated 05 106 , 2008

FOR THE COMMISSION

Joseph B. Boschulte

Chair